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**FEDERAL MALPRACTICE REFORM**

By all accounts, California's Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA) has been successful in reducing the practice of defensive medicine and its associated costs, as well as significantly reducing the settlement costs related to non-economic damages. While many states have taken steps to impose similar measures, the application has been inconsistent and results variable.

The Federal government should play a strong leadership role in tort reform, and adopting the MICRA model as the "gold standard" nationwide would be a giant step for tort reform and cost containment

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors support Federal legislation, based on the successful California law and instruct the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Prepare a five-signature letter to the California Congressional Delegation and the Congressional Leadership in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate; and
2. Instruct the County's Washington lobbyists to work with Congressional offices to support this legislation.

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